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FOREIGN SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS AND POLICY COMMITMENTS

The Foreign Service Act and appropriate personnel regulations require three (3) commitments from candidates for appointment to the Foreign Service.

1. Candidates for the Foreign Service should understand that members of the Foreign Service are expected to be available for worldwide service, as are all members of their immediate families. Anyone prepared to serve only at specific posts or in specific countries or regions will not be appointed to the Foreign Service.
2. Candidates should understand that, although personal desire relative to functional field or professional concentration is given every appropriate consideration in the assignment process, the interests of the Foreign Service may require members to accept assignments outside their desired functional field. All members are expected to accept such assignments willingly, in accordance with Foreign Service discipline.
3. In the official performance of their duties as representatives of the United States Government, Foreign Service members may be called upon to support and defend policies with which they may not be personally in full agreement. On such occasions, normal standards of Foreign Service discipline will apply. Ample opportunity is provided within official channels for discussion and dissent with respect to the development and conduct of United States foreign policy.

You should understand that acceptance of these three (3) basic commitments – availability for worldwide assignment, willingness to accept out-of-function assignments, and observance of Foreign Service discipline with respect to public support of established United States policy – is a condition of employment with the Foreign Service.

I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THESE STANDARD COMMITMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH MY APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN SERVICE EMPLOYMENT.

Signature

Print Full Name

Signature Date